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TO: Karen Hughes
CC: Commissioners ✓
FROM: Alex Beal, Deputy AB
DATE: May 3, 2007
RE: Planning Board and "Committees"



Dear Karen,

You asked this morning for clarification of the meaning of § 8(g)(6) of the "Planning Board Procedures and Administration." Additionally, I received a similar question from Planning Board member Phil Connelly. That section states: "The President shall...appoint the chairman and members of all committees subject to the approval of the nominee." Your question asks whether for any committees unrelated to the Planning Board, such as the Streamside Setback Committee, that provision would enable the President to unilaterally appoint the Planning Board's representative.

My answer is no. That provision relates to appointments of any committees or subcommittees of the Planning Board itself. § 8(g)(6) allows the President to determine the makeup of any subgroups of the Planning Board, so long as those nominated accept the call. I am aware of no other provision in the Planning Board Procedures and Administration document that would allow the President to act alone to appoint the Planning Board's representative to other groups. As such, the Planning Board's Streamside Setback Committee member will need to be approved in the manner of normal business of the Planning Board.

Alex Beal